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SUBJECT: KHMER REFUGEES IN SOUTH VIETNAM-UNHCR

REF:SAIGON 12205

1. MISSION HAS RAISED WITH UNHCR QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE TO KHMER REFUGEES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. UNHCR REPORTED HAVING EXPENDED \$200,000 ON THIS REFUGEE GROUP IN CURRENT YEAR. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT \$100,000 OF THIS AMOUNT HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO UNHCR BY USG.

2. UNHCR INFORMS FURTHER THAT WHILE ASSISTANCE TO KHMERS IN SVC NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED IN UNHCR'S REGULAR PROGRAM FOR CY 1975, OFFICE WILL FAVORABLY CONSIDER SOME MEASURE OF ASSISTANCE TO THEM IN CY 1975 FROM WHATEVER TRUST FUNDS AVAILABLE. UNHCR CONSIDERS KHMERS IN SVN TO BE DISPLACED PERSONS FROM MILITARY CONFLICT IN CAMBODIA AND NOT POLITICAL REFUGEES WHO WOULD FACE PERSECUTION IF THEY RETURNED TO THEIR HOMELAND. THIS IS UNHCR'S REASON FOR NOT INCLUDING THEM IN OFFICE'S REGULAR PROGRAM.

3. IF GRVN AND GKR CONVINCED THAT KHMERS IN SVC REMAIN
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IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT GENEVA PERMREPS OF VIETNAM (AMB. LE VAN LOI) AND CAMBODIA

(AMB. SO SATT) BE INSTRUCTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE
GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE THE FLOOR DURING UP-COMING 25TH SESSION
OF UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND URGE UNHCR TO CONTINUE
THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE MEASURES. SUBJECT TO
DEPARTMENT'S AGREEMENT AND INSTRUCTIONS, USDEL TO
THIS MEETING COULD LEND APPROPRIATE SUPPORT VIETNAMESE
AND CAMBODIAN SPEAKERS AT EXEC COMM MEETING.
DEPARTMENT PLEASE ADVISE. DALE

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